

THE CLARION.

FAIRY GODMOTHER.

Some Dupont, wrapped in a loose robe of soft gray material, a faded lace shawl partly covering her, lay languidly before the bay window, gazing almost the entire front of her cottage. Her large black eyes, bright and somewhat dimmed by sickness, dwelt with dreamy gaze on the landscape spread before her.

A very commonplace landscape, as can be seen in any country on any summer day—only a broad field with daisies, among which three brown cows patiently sought their blades of grass, while one tall and slender, solitary and alone, stood in the background of dense tan-brown wood. To careless eyes, scarce a careless glance; but to hers, so full of thought and feeling, the scene was most beautiful. The slender, wrinkled hands folded upon her lap, and yet too weak to hold even her beloved books, and the small, lacking sufficient strength to the frail body. But, thank the cruel pain had gone, its stead had come a blissful

through the fickle months of taking no heed whether they wept, she had never raised her head from the pillow.

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"Tell me about it, dear," she said, in her sweet trembling voice.

Viola knelt beside her. "You must be a fairy, madame," she said, "for none but a fairy could have guessed that I was a little sorry to-day. And for such a trifling cause I'm ashamed to speak of it." But the lady insisted with gentle persistence, she began: "It is a ball I would like to go to, but cannot. I have never been to a ball, and this one—you remember the young lady who boarded at our house last summer, with her father and sister—"

"And brother," suggested madame. "And brother," repeated Viola, never lowering her frank blue eyes, but blushing from the tip of her round chin to the curls shading her fair low brow. "Well, she and I were good friends then, but I never dreamed she would remember me after she went away, for she—I mean—is rich, and I am poor, and our ways in life lie very, very far apart. But she has not forgotten me. See, madame, here is an invitation to a ball to be given on her nineteenth birthday at her aunt's house, only a few miles away. And—my brother signs it too. He writes a handsome hand, does he not write—"

some of the summer boarders staid until the end of October, and the butter had to be churned, and the fruit canned, and the young sisters to be prepared each day for school, and the twin boys—nothing to speak of in point of years, but perfect Methuselahs in mischief to be looked after from morning until night, and winter wardrobes to be made, and a thousand and one other things to be done.

And then madame fell sick, and all the time Viola could spare she spent at her bedside. "Time that had much better be spent at home," scolded her step-mother, "for there's a servant there, and one servant is enough to take care of two such houses as that and their mistresses too, sick or well. I have no servant."

"You have me," Viola could have replied, "and no servant ever worked harder or for less wages," but she set her lips firmly together, and said nothing. But she rose earlier than ever thereafter that she might not leave undone the slightest of her tasks, and thus merit no reproach for the few hours each day she gave her dear old friend.

And now madame was getting well and, with the strength of her strong servant-maid could go from room to room; but she was best satisfied as yet to lie in the wee parlor on the lounge before the big window.

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"A strong, handsome hand, my dear, and he is a strong, manly fellow. I do not forget the messages he used to bring me from you, and deliver with such courtesy and grace. You must go to the ball."

"Oh, madame, it is impossible. I could not go if it were to be the simplest of parties, and it is to be a fancy dress. I have nothing to wear. You know the crops failed last year on account of the drought. But what folly for me to let so slight a thing distress me for a moment, when all at home have health and strength, and you are fast getting well!"

"For which we should be—and no doubt we are—devoutly thankful," said the old lady, "and all the more reasons why you should go to the ball. You said just now I must be a fairy. I will prove my right to the title by being a fairy godmother. You did not know that my name was Violet. Take the key you will find under the clock on the mantle, and open the ottoman that stands yonder."

"Open the ottoman, madame?"

"Yes; it is simply a chest in disguise, and in it lies your ball dress."

The lid of the disguised chest was raised, a long box was lifted out and opened. An exclamation of delight burst from Viola's lips. There lay a satin dress of creamy whiteness. It unfolded into a miracle of old-fashioned loveliness. Purple violets were scattered here and there upon the scant skirt, as though dropped from some careless hand, and the puffed sleeves and short waist were made of a wealth of amber-hued lace. And then came a large quaint fan of sandal-wood and peacock feathers, a necklace of pearls, a high tortoise-shell comb, and a pair of satin shoes with low flat heel and queer pointed toes.

"But you never mean that I should wear these, madame?" said Viola.

"That I do, most surely," said madame, gayly. "I wore them, child, many years ago; and now another Violet needs them. There is fate in it. And I will put a spell upon them, and who knows?—they may help you win a true lover as they did me."

"But the shoes, madame—they are too small, I'm sure."

"Try them, my dear!" Viola slipped one on. "It binds across the instep," said she. "Take the scissors and cut it then." "Oh, madame it would spoil it then." "Do as I bid you. Fairy godmothers must be obeyed. Now take the roses still remaining in the box, and fasten one over each shoe to hide the damage done."

that an unknown Princess of Beauty was among them.

And the Princess of the reigning house quickly followed his sister to welcome her, leaving a night with diamond stars to sparkle for some more faithful worshipper. And again and again he and the unknown Princess danced together until nearly daybreak, when a servant summoned her hastily—for the farmer father was tired of waiting—she flew to her dressing-room and one of the rosesets bursting from its fastenings on the way, away went the shoe it had helped to hold in place, down, down through the well of the winding staircase, to regions far below.

And Viola, having the enchantment of the night still upon her, never missed it, but hastily drawing on her stout boots, ran to the old wagon, jumped in, and drove away in the dim first light of the morning from the Prince and Fairy-land.

But when she awoke from the deep sleep into which she sank as soon as she reached her home—the sun was on its westward way—she discovered the loss, and while she was bewailing the Prince rang at the door.

"I have found a slipper, or shoe, or something of the kind," he said, taking it from the breast-pocket of his fur-trimmed coat; "and as it will not fit either of my sisters, or my cousins, or any of the lady friends who with them bide, I thought it might fit you."

"It does not really," said truthful Viola, with her lovely blush, "I could not have worn it had it not been cut open in the instep—I have not an aristocratic foot—and that is how the stitches that held the friendly rosette giving way, I came to lose it."

"That I, thank fortune! might find it."

And now, Viola, dearest—But what need of saying more? You can all end the story for yourselves, I am sure, even to guessing that madame lived to be a hundred years old, and that never was fairy godmother so loved and petted as she.

Photographing Speech.

The Photograph News says: The new system of teaching the deaf and dumb by directing them to look at a person speaking, and to note the position of his lips in giving utterance to different sounds, has now been in practice for several years on the Continent; and, as our readers are probably aware, has also been adopted in this country with some success. A Continental teacher has now hit upon a plan of furthering the instruction by having recourse to photography. A model has been chosen whose lips are particularly expressive in their action, and a series of photographs taken of him while pronouncing the different sounds that go to make up a language. Such a "speaking likeness" has been obtained, that in many cases, even an untrained observer has little difficulty in guessing the letter on the lips of the model, as the photographs are displayed one after another. Mr. Warnerke exhibited several of the pictures at the last meeting of the Photographic Society.

To win, work and wait—but work a good deal more than you wait.

STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION OF THE

Crescent Insurance Company,

Of New Orleans, Louisiana,

ON THE 31st DAY OF DECEMBER, 1882.

The name of the Company is CRESCENT INSURANCE COMPANY. The locality of the Company is New Orleans, State of Louisiana. The amount of its Capital Stock is \$500,000 00. The amount of its Capital Stock paid up is \$500,000 00.

THE ASSETS OF THE COMPANY ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Cash on hand, in Bank in New Orleans and New York, and in the hands of Agents or other persons.....\$ 120,402 47
Real Estate unincumbered.....\$ 86,100 00
Bonds owned by the Company and how they are secured with the rate of interest thereon, as follows:

As per schedule "C."—Market value.....\$ 211,625 00
Stocks, schedule "D."—Par value \$27,494.00; Market value \$13,550 00
DEBTS TO THE COMPANY SECURED BY MORTGAGE.

As per schedule "A.".....\$ 61,715 07
DEBTS OTHERWISE SECURED.

Loans on pledges as per schedule "B."—Collaterals: par value, \$145,073 33; Market value, 157,871 33.....\$ 119,472 13
DEBTS FOR PREMIUMS.

Premiums in course of collection and in hands of agents for transmission to Company.....\$ 69,187 01
ALL OTHER SECURITIES.

Bills receivable for premiums and loans secured.....\$ 3,991 67
Salvage due.....\$ 3,200 00
Re Insurance due from other Companies on losses paid.....\$ 19,220 00
Judgments and claims, face value, \$19,428.38.....\$ 10,900 00
Interest on mortgage loans.....\$ 1,280 00
Interest on loans and pledges.....\$ 800 00

Total.....\$ 719,243 28

Amount due or not due to banks or other creditors.....\$ 20,003 28
Loans adjusted and not due.....\$ 115,577 07
Loans unadjusted.....\$ 115,577 07
Loans in suspense waiting for further proof.....\$ 115,577 07
All other claims against the company.....\$ 115,577 07

The greatest amount insured in any one risk.....\$ 50,000 00
The greatest amount allowed by the rules of said company to be insured in any one city, town or village.....\$ 50,000 00
The greatest amount allowed to be insured in any one block.....\$ 50,000 00

Copy of Act of Incorporation on file in Auditor's Office.
Copy of Certificate of Deposit of the State Treasurer on file in Auditor's Office.

STATE OF LOUISIANA, } SS.
I, W. R. Lyman, President, and I, Chas. E. Rice, Secretary of the CRESCENT INSURANCE COMPANY, of New Orleans, being duly sworn, depose and say that the foregoing is a full, true and correct statement of the affairs of the said Company; that the said Insurance Company is the bona fide owner of at least ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS of actual cash capital, invested in stocks of at least par value, or in bonds or mortgages of real estate, worth double the amount for which the same is mortgaged; and that they are the above described officers of said Insurance Company.

W. R. LYMAN, President.
CHAS. E. RICE, Secretary.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 21st day of January, A. D. 1883.

[L. S.]
ALFRED INGRAHAM,
Commissioner of the State of Mississippi.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That the CRESCENT INSURANCE COMPANY of New Orleans, do hereby authorize any and all agents that said Company has or may hereafter have or appoint in the State of Mississippi, for or on behalf of said Company, to accept and acknowledge service of all process, whether mesne or final, in any action or proceeding against said Company in any of the courts of said State of Mississippi; and it is hereby admitted and agreed that such service of the process aforesaid shall be taken and held to be valid and sufficient in that behalf, the same as if served upon said Company according to the laws and practice of said State; and all claims of right of error by reason of the manner of such service, are hereby expressly waived and relinquished.

Witness our hands and the seal of said Company, this 21st day of January, A. D. 1883.

[L. S.]
W. R. LYMAN, President.
CHAS. E. RICE, Secretary.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the statement of the CRESCENT INSURANCE COMPANY on file in my office.

Given under my hand and seal of office, this 1st day of March, A. D. 1883.

[L. S.]
S. GWIN, Auditor of Public Accounts.

L. M. TUCKER & CO., Managers, Southern Department, Columbus, Mississippi.

BARROWS & HAYS, Agents,
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI.

Women at the Counter—Plain: of a Dry Goods Clerk.

There are women who come to this store regularly almost every week, and look all over our stock, ask questions and bother us to death, never buy anything, but they take up our time more than paying customers. There are women who come in here looking for things we never had in stock in the world, which they are perfectly, positively sure they saw on our counter the day before. There are women who come back looking for parcels and purses, which no argument under heaven could convince them that they hadn't left lying on my counter five minutes before; they are so sure of it that they can point out the exact spot where they had deposited them a short time ago, and they look and act as if they thought if they could only get in behind the counter, they would find the missing article secreted among the boxes. The polite clerk is a hypocrite, or else his politeness is very variable. It's easy enough to smile and look extremely affable when you're waiting on a nice young lady, but if anybody can find any romance in Mrs. Stiphenmuggen, he must be endowed with a very lively imagination.

We assert without fear of contradiction that Bailey's Saline Aperient is cheaper and more pleasant than any pill ever made for constipation, torpid liver or sick headache, that it never produces the least unpleasant feeling, and its action more prompt than any pill made. It is so nice, pleasant, clean, and prompt in action, whether on steam, rail, or in hotels or at home, that all are delighted.

"Tough on Chills,"

Cures 5 cases for 25 cents in cash or stamps. Mailed by John Parham, Atlanta, Ga.

Try it—its cures by the use of English Female Bitters.

Mysteriously Poisoned Maniacs.

STANTON, Feb. 24.—Five inmates of the Western Lunatic Asylum were fatally poisoned to-day; two others will die. The inquest awaits chemical analysis. The theory is that the patients or some one placed the fatal drug in the medicine cups after they had left the doctor and before the attendant received them.

Mr. D. R. BOWLER, of Lee county, writes: "I never took anything that seemed to invigorate my system as much as Brown's Iron Bitters."

"Kill the dog first, and hunt for his owner afterwards," is the maxim of certain Georgia farmers who mean to make sheep-raising profitable. While this may not be the best method of getting rid of the dog, it is a pity that such an important industry should be retarded by worthless curs. Let farmers everywhere agitate the matter until State laws are enacted that will protect the sheep-owners.

To win, work and wait—but work a good deal more than you wait.

STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION OF THE
Liverpool & London & Globe Insurance Co.,
Of Liverpool, England,

ON THE 31st DAY OF DECEMBER, 1882.

The name of the Company is LIVERPOOL AND LONDON AND GLOBE INSURANCE COMPANY. The locality of the Company is Liverpool, England. The amount of its Capital Stock is \$10,000,000 00. The amount of its Capital Stock paid up is \$1,238,300 00.

THE ASSETS OF THE COMPANY ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Cash on hand and in the hands of agents or other persons.....\$ 784,946 77
Real estate unincumbered.....\$ 1,047,741 52
Bonds owned by the Company and how they are secured with the rate of interest thereon, as follows:

United States Currency, six's.....\$ 479,257 00
" " 4 1/2 per cents.....\$ 536,750 00
" " 4 per cents.....\$ 681,150 00
New York State 5 per cent. bonds.....\$ 103,375 00
City of Richmond 8 per cent. bonds.....\$ 62,207 00
Mississippi pay warrants.....\$ 20,000 00
City of New York gold six's.....\$ 61,000 00
City of Boston 5 per cent. bonds.....\$ 245,440 00

DEBTS TO THE COMPANY SECURED BY MORTGAGE

Loans on bonds and mortgages.....\$ 1,115,843 47
Interest due on bonds and mortgages.....\$ 23,809 55
Interest due on stocks.....\$ 3,537 50
Interest due on collateral loans.....\$ 335 07

DEBTS FOR PREMIUMS.

Gross premiums in course of collection.....\$ 322,394 48
ALL OTHER SECURITIES.

Loans on life policies.....\$ 11,533 06
Loans on life policies.....\$ 684 17
Sundries.....\$ 13,408 30
Total.....\$ 3,802 17

Aggregate amount of assets in the United States.....\$ 6,014,962 81

LIABILITIES.

Amount due or not due to banks or other creditors.....\$ 16,212 70
Loans adjusted and not due.....\$ 281,207 28
Loans unadjusted.....\$ 60,014 10
Loans in suspense waiting for further proof.....\$ 2,011,141 05
All other claims against the company.....\$ 2,068,577 00

The greatest amount insured in any one risk.....\$ 25,000 00
The greatest amount allowed by the rules of said company to be insured in any one city, town or village.....\$ 25,000 00
The greatest amount allowed to be insured in any one block.....\$ 25,000 00

Copy of Act of Incorporation on file in Auditor's Office.
Copy of Certificate of Deposit of the State Treasurer on file in Auditor's Office.

STATE OF LOUISIANA, } SS.
I, I. F. Schroder, Chairman of Board of Directors, and I, Henry V. Ogden, Resident Secretary of the LIVERPOOL AND LONDON AND GLOBE INSURANCE COMPANY of England, at New Orleans, Louisiana, being duly sworn, depose and say that the foregoing is a full, true and correct statement of the affairs of the said company, to the best of their knowledge and belief; that the said Insurance Company is the bona fide owner of at least ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS of actual cash capital, invested in stocks of at least par value, or in bonds or mortgages of real estate, worth double the amount for which the same is mortgaged; and that they are the above described officers of said Insurance Company.

I. F. SCHRODER, Chairman.
HENRY V. OGDEN, Secretary.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 3d day of March, A. D. 1883.

[L. S.]
ALFRED INGRAHAM,
Commissioner of the State of Mississippi.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That the LIVERPOOL AND LONDON AND GLOBE INSURANCE COMPANY, of England, do hereby authorize any and all agents that said Company has or may hereafter have or appoint in the State of Mississippi, for or on behalf of said Company, to accept and acknowledge service of all process, whether mesne or final, in any action or proceeding against said Company in any of the courts of said State of Mississippi; and it is hereby admitted and agreed that such service of the process aforesaid shall be taken and held to be valid and sufficient in that behalf, the same as if served upon said Company according to the laws and practice of said State; and all claims of right of error by reason of the manner of such service, are hereby expressly waived and relinquished.

Witness our hands and the seal of said Company, this 3d day of March, A. D. 1883.

[L. S.]
I. F. SCHRODER, Chairman.
HENRY V. OGDEN, Secretary.

I certify the foregoing is a correct copy of the original statement now on file in my office.

Given under my hand and seal of office, this 5th day of March, A. D. 1883.

[L. S.]
S. GWIN, Auditor of Public Accounts.
HENRY V. OGDEN, Resident Secretary, New Orleans.

BARROWS & HAYS, Agents, Jackson, Miss.

STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION OF THE

HANOVER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,

ON THE 31st DAY OF DECEMBER, 1882.

The name of the Company is the HANOVER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY. The locality of the Company is No. 181 Broadway, New York, N. Y. Benjamin S. Walcott, President; I. Remsen Lane, Secretary. The amount of its Capital is \$1,000,000. The amount of its Capital paid up is \$1,000,000.

THE ASSETS OF THE COMPANY ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Cash on hand and in the hands of Agents or other persons.....\$ 191,800 53
Real Estate unincumbered.....\$ 115,220 00
Bonds owned by the Company bearing interest at the rate of—per cent., secured as follows:

1,325,000 U. S. Bonds, Market Value.....\$ 1,553,292 50
97,000 State and City Bonds.....\$ 115,220 00
390,000 Rail road Bonds.....\$ 432,225 00
32,500 Bank Stocks.....\$ 53,600 00
Loans on Bond and Mortgage, being first lien on unincumbered Real Estate, worth double the amount loaned.....\$ 200,750 00
Debts otherwise secured.....\$ 1,500 00
Debts for Premiums.....\$ 10,752 08
All other securities.....\$ 10,752 08

Total Assets.....\$ 2,659,220 16

LIABILITIES.

Amount due to Banks or other creditors.....\$ 16,212 70
Loans adjusted and not due.....\$ 281,207 28
Loans unadjusted.....\$ 60,014 10
Loans in suspense, waiting for further proof.....\$ 2,011,141 05
All other claims against the Company.....\$ 2,068,577 00
Amount necessary to re-insure outstanding risks.....\$ 2,068,577 00

Total Liabilities.....\$ 6,014,962 81

The greatest amount insured in any one risk.....\$ 25,000 00
The greatest amount allowed by the rules of said Company to be insured in any one city, town or village.....\$ 25,000 00
The greatest amount allowed to be insured in any one block.....\$ 25,000 00

Copy of Act of Incorporation on file in Auditor's Office.
Copy of Certificate of Deposit of the State Treasurer on file in Auditor's Office.

STATE OF NEW YORK, } SS.
I, Benjamin S. Walcott, President, and I, Remsen Lane, Secretary of the HANOVER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, of New York, being duly sworn, depose and say that the foregoing is a full, true and correct statement of the affairs of the said Company, to the best of their knowledge and belief; that the said Insurance Company is the bona fide owner of at least TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS of actual cash capital, invested in State and United States Stocks and Bonds, or in Bonds and Mortgages of Real Estate, unincumbered and worth double the amount for which the same is mortgaged; and that they are the above described officers of said Insurance Company.

B. S. WALCOTT, President.
I. REMSEN LANE, Secretary.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 25th day of January, 1883.

[L. S.]
WM. RATES,
Notary Public, Kings County, (certificate filed in New York county.)

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That the HANOVER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, of New York, do hereby authorize any and all Agents that said Company has or may hereafter have or appoint in the State of Mississippi, for or on behalf of said Company, to accept and acknowledge service of all process, whether mesne or final, in any action or proceeding against said Company in any of the courts of said State of Mississippi; and it is hereby admitted and agreed that such service of the process aforesaid shall be taken and held to be valid and sufficient in that behalf, the same as if served upon said Company according to the laws and practice of said State; and all claims of right of error by reason of the manner of such service, are hereby expressly waived and relinquished.

Witness our hands and the seal of said Company, this 27th day of January, 1883.

[L. S.]
B. S. WALCOTT, President.
I. REMSEN LANE, Secretary.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a copy of the statement of THE HANOVER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, now on file in my office.

Given under my hand and seal of office, this 1st day of March, A. D. 1883.

[L. S.]
S. GWIN, Auditor of Public Accounts.

A. STODDART, General Agent, New York.

BARROWS & HAYS, Agents,
Jackson, Mississippi.